

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-39 (Canceled)

40. (Currently amended) A device comprising:

unauthorized separation detection means arranged to detect release of a releasable connector connecting the device to a person; and

control means, having a first mode in which whenever the releasable connector is released, the control means ~~arranged to~~ effects at least partial disablement of the device in response to the release of the releasable connector.

41. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 40, wherein the releasable connector comprises a strap.

42. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 40, wherein the releasable connector is released by severance.

43. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 40, wherein the unauthorized separation detection means detects the interruption of a closed conductive path via the releasable connector.

44. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 40, wherein the device comprises a cellular radio transceiver.

45. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 44, wherein the control means is arranged to effect at least partial disablement of the device by controlling the cellular radio transceiver to transmit a disable message instructing the at least partial disablement of the portable device.

46. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 40, wherein the device is or comprises a cellular mobile telephone for operation in a cellular communications network and the control means is arranged to effect at least partial disablement of the device by sending a disabling message to the network instructing the network to disable normal operation of the telephone in the network.

47. (Previously presented) A cellular telephone network comprising a device as claimed in claim 46 wherein the mobile telephone comprises a handset and a replaceable card, which enables the handset to operate as a telephone in the network, and the network is responsive to the disabling message sent by the mobile telephone to disable the card from normal use in the network and/or to disable the handset from normal use in the network.
48. (Currently amended) A device, comprising:
a releasable connector arranged to connect the device to a person and arranged to release the connection of the device to the person if the device is grabbed while connected to the person;
and
a controller having a first mode in which whenever the releasable connector is released, the controller ~~arranged to~~ effects at least partial disablement of the device in response to the release of the releasable connector.
49. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 48, wherein the releasable connector comprises a strap.
50. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 48, wherein the releasable connector is released by severance.
51. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 64, wherein the detector is arranged to detect the interruption of a closed conductive path via the releasable connector.
52. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 48, further comprising a radio transmitter wherein the controller is arranged to control the radio transmitter to send a message in response to the release of the releasable connector.
53. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 48, wherein the device is or comprises a cellular mobile telephone having a radio transmitter for operation in a cellular communications network and the controller is arranged to control the radio transmitter to send a disabling message to the network instructing the network to disable normal operation of the telephone in the network.

Claims 54-58 (Canceled)

59. (Currently amended) A device wearable by a person comprising:

a detector arranged to detect the unauthorized separation of the device from a further counterpart device by detecting the diminution of a radio link between the device and the further counterpart device; and

a controller arranged to effect partial disablement of the ~~counterpart~~ further device in response to the unauthorized separation of the device and the counterpart further device, by controlling a transceiver to transmit a radio command to the ~~counterpart~~ further device.

60. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 59, wherein the ~~counterpart~~ further device comprises a cellular radio transceiver ~~or mobile telephone~~.

61. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 60, wherein, in response to receiving the radio command from the device, a the counterpart device comprises a controller of the further device arranged to effect partial disablement of the counterpart device by controlling controls the cellular radio transceiver to transmit a disable message instructing the at least partial disablement of the ~~counterpart~~ further device.

62. (Currently amendment) The device as claimed in claim 59, wherein the ~~counterpart~~ further device is a mobile telephone comprising a handset, a replaceable card and a controller, and in response to receiving the radio command, wherein the controller is arranged to ~~effect partial disablement of the mobile telephone by locking~~ lock the handset to the replaceable card.

63. (Canceled)

64. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 48, further comprising a detector for detecting the release of the releasable connector from the device.

65. (Canceled)

66. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 59, wherein the counterpart device is a mobile telephone that is operable to make emergency calls when it is partially disabled.
67. (Canceled)
68. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 59, wherein when the ~~counterpart~~ further device is partially disabled, it is only capable of restricted use.
69. (New) The device as claimed in claim 40, wherein the control means has a second, operable, mode in which it does not respond to the release of the releasable connector.
70. (New) The device as claimed in claim 48, wherein the controller has a second, operable, mode in which it does not respond to release of the releasable connector.
71. (New) The device as claimed in claim 69, wherein the first and second modes are user selectable.
72. (New) The device as claimed in claim 70, wherein the first and second modes are user selectable.
73. (New) The device as claimed in claim 59, wherein the device is a wrist watch.
74. (New) The device as claimed in claim 48, wherein the releasable connector is a neck strap.
75. (New) The device as claimed in claim 48, wherein the releasable connector is a wrist strap.
76. (New) The device as claimed in claim 48, wherein the releasable connector has an inherent weakness, such that it is arranged to break when the device is grabbed.